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of that we wanted to meet together. I had a talk with the Kumararaja of Venkatagiri. Of course as regards the report of the Select Committee, even some zamindars were dissatisfied."

The motion that the consideration of the Bill be adjourned till 1st February 1934 was put and carried.

III.—THE MADRAS MONEY-LENDERS' BILL (BILL No. 21 OF 1932).

* Mr. C. Basu Dev :—" I rise to present the Report [a] of the Select Committee on the Madras Money-lenders' Bill which I had the honour of introducing in the middle of July 1932 and move that the Bill, as amended by the Select Committee, be taken into consideration."

Mr. M. A. Muthiah Chettiyar :—" Sir, under Standing Order No. 43 which reads: ' that the Bill, as reported by the Select Committee be taken into consideration, but any member may object to its being so taken into consideration if the copies mentioned in Standing Order No. 41 have not been available for the use of Members for fifteen days ', I object to this motion being made. Copies of this report were sent to us only on the 23rd and it is hardly seven days. The Report and the Bill should have been with us for fifteen days. I therefore object to the motion being made."

Mr. C. Basu Dev :—" I think that is a matter for which the Council Office is responsible."

Mr. M. A. Muthiah Chettiyar :—" I can only say this: it has nothing to do with the Council Office. The Committee met only in January between 8th and 10th and the hon. Member has given notice only on the 18th January and the Council Office has published it as quickly as it can. Therefore the Council Office is not to blame."

* The hon. the President :—" I think that no serious objection has been taken to my allowing the objection to-day. I hold that the motion need not be made now."

IV.—THE MADRAS PUBLIC LIBRARIES BILL (BILL No. 11 OF 1933).

* Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" I rise to present the Report [b] of the Select Committee on the Madras Public Libraries Bill and move that the Bill, as amended by the Select Committee, be taken into consideration.

" Sir, I find that there is some hesitancy on the part of the Government on the ground that they have not had enough time to consider the implications of the various provisions of the Bill, as amended by the Select Committee. There has already been a suggestion that they ought to have had time to consider the various amendments in their financial aspect and then come forward to support this Bill. I would

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therefore merely make the motion that the Bill be taken into consideration and allow the Government or some one on their behalf to make the motion that the consideration of the Bill be adjourned to the next meeting of the Council."

S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur:—"I second it."

11-30 a.m. Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Mr. President, I beg to move—

'*that the consideration of this Bill be adjourned to a non-official day at the next meeting of the Council*'."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"I second it."

The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"May I know what the hon. Member means by the next meeting of the Council?"

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The hon. Member probably refers to the meeting that will begin on the 21st February. That means that, if non-official days are not allotted for that meeting, the Bill will not be taken up at the meeting."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"My motion implies that, if non-official days are allotted for the next meeting, this Bill will be taken up for consideration then."

The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"I have no objection."

Mr. R. MADANAGOPAL NAYUDU:—"Will not the same objection raised by Mr. Muthiah Chettiyar to the Money-lenders' Bill apply to this Bill also?"

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"That question need not be raised now, because there is an agreement on another point."

The question that the consideration of the Bill be adjourned to a non-official day at the next meeting of the Council was put and carried.

V.—A BILL FURTHER TO AMEND THE MADRAS IMPARTIBLE ESTATES ACT, 1904, FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES (BILL No. 17 OF 1933).

Mr. A. V. BHANOJI RAO:—"Mr. President, Sir, I beg to present the Report [a] of the Select Committee on the Bill further to amend the Madras Impartible Estates Act, 1904, for certain purposes (Bill No. 17 of 1933) and move that the Bill, as amended by the Select Committee, be taken into consideration."

Mr. M. A. MUTHIAH CHETTIYAR:—"I second it."

Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"I rise merely to ask whether the conditions referred to by Mr. Muthiah Chettiar with regard to the Money-lenders' Bill, have been fulfilled in this case. If not, I object to the Bill being taken into consideration now."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"What holds good for another Bill must hold good for this Bill also and therefore I hold that this Bill cannot be taken up now."

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